Spain The President's Message in Spain.

really grave insult to the Spanish nation.

with the government of the United States

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isfactory state. In the few conferences I

have had with the worthy representative in

this city of the Anglo-American republic.

such a cordial spirit was manifested that I

governments were perfectly amicable, and

that they could run no risk of being troubled.

still subsists. In its relations with the Uni-

ted States, as in those with all other countries.

it has always endeaved to be circumspect,

This confidence of the Queen's government

already been made.



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TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 25, 1859.

The Richmond Enquirer in a reply to its Assailants in Rockingham.

We published yesterday, an account of a recent Democratic Meeting in Rockingham county. The following is the reply of the Enquirer:

"We are unwilling to believe, without some further confirmation of the statement, that Captain Hiram Martz, employed the language attributed to him. If he did, he has evidently been deceived by dishonest men. We know that he could have made no such statement, with regard to the "Enquirer" or to Gov. Wise, as of his own knowledge. In any event, he shall not be subjectjected to harshness through our columns.— He is a very aged and infirm man, and hence naturally irritable and impressible .-Thus it is, that he has been led to arraign the "Enquirer," on a charge of opposition to Conventions, in ignorance of the fact that we have consistently and persistently coincided with him, in urging the policy of calling con-

If he has been induced, through misinformation, to make the unjustifiable assault on Governor Wise, now attributed to him, the circumstance of his late visit to Washington, probably furnishes the best explanattion of the fact.

So far as Captain Martz is concerned, then, we abstain from all utterance of censure .-We owe it to his age and present position, not less than to the plain and honest, though impulsive character which he sustains, to permit him to resire peaceably from the political arena, without an expression of condemnation from the press of his party.

But if Captain Martz has been misled by slanders uttered by other men, we have a word to say to these individuals, whoever they may be, or whatever their position.

The assertion that Governor Wise ever intrigued, or even sought by justifiable means, to supplant Mr. Hunter in the Senate, is a slanderous falsehood, wilfully, knowingly, maliciously coined by Governor Wise's ene mies, for the sheer purposes of political in-

No less a personage than the President of which are of themselves sufficient to nail this new year with a most attractive number. falsehood to the counter. No one can offer Bulwers novel, "What will be do with it?" more satisfactory evidence of the falsehood of the statement, than can the Hon. R. M. T. Hunter. And the Hon. John Letcher can

testify directly to the same effect. subject can doubtless obtain it on proper ap- with notices of the country, government, plication, from any or all of these three wit-

tains. Mr. Hunter condemns it. So be it, morals, customs, etc., of the people of Japan. does not appear, but there is presumtive then. But if Mr. Hunter's friends are, with "How to Boil Peas" is not as its title indihis approval, bent on making the questions involved in the Tammany letter the issue of success or defeat to Gov. Wise, that issue can a witty, pointed article on the folly of making be easily tried. Let Mr. Hunter once ex- ourselves miserable. "An Angling Saunpress a willingness to discuss the matter, face to face with Gov. Wise, on the Hustings, and we pledge our word for it that the Governor will meet him anywhere and everywhere throughout the State, where-ever and whenever a meeting can be fixed. And if it is desired to follow up the contest with the opposing efforts of "second chop" debaters, "Wise's son" is ready to meet any respectable man among Hunter's followers, on pre- country. cisely the same terms. The part which our noble friend, S. T.

Walker, esq., is reported to have taken in the debate at Rockingham, is exactly what than we have ever before seen it, and the we would have expected from him. self a candidate for office, and with every temptation to court the support or avoid the resentment of men of all parties and opinions, his independent spirit, nevertheless, will always prompt him to speak out boldly, whenever truth and justice need an advocate. He is no half-way man. He has both the spirit and ability to meet assault with assault, spirit and about to meet assault with assault, and any man who lives. He invariant a fact doubted by none who have once seen allege that last fall they were reduced 20 per leave the premises. He refused to go, or did regarded there as the preduce to a spring bly hunts on foot, and from his intimate achim tried.

Any of our friends who were present at the discussion in Rockingham, will do us a favor by furnishing, confidentially or otherwise, reliable information as to the accuracy of the "Whig's" report. If Captain Martz has really been induced to make the statements attributed to him, before the people of Rockingham, we are prepared to carry the war-not against Captain Martz-we have no unkind word to offer him-but directly "into Africa."

Political-The President and Gov. Wise.

The New York Herald, as the peculiar friend, now, it seems, not of the Democratic Convention. It seems, however, that the moparty, nor even of the Administration, but of tion was coldly received by Mr. Forney's as the President, takes up the late able article sociates, who preferred the old plan of adherin the Richmond Enquirer, on the Pacific Railroad, and attempts to answer it in the fol- himself. lowing manner:-

"It is sufficiently evident that this Pacific Railroad resolution was smuggled into the Cincinnati platform. But Mr. Buchanan found it there; and it was not his business to ton Place, after a somewhat complicated and enquire how it got there, no more than it was his business to go behind the legal facts and antecedents connected with the Lecompton constitution. The resolution in question, we admit, is a very ingeniously constructed two-faced concern, as our party convention manifestoes upon ticklish questions always are. It is admissible of the strict construction applied by the Enquirer; but it is more clearly admissible of the more liberal construction adopted by Mr. Buchanan. And ted States Commissioner, of Captain Maury admitting the fact that Mr. Buchanan did send out to California, in 1856, his letter declaring his belief in the constitutional form of the federal government to build a railroad to the Pacific, so late in the campaign that the letter was not published on this side the Rocky Mountains "until after the election," what right have the Virginia democracy to complain, when the great object of Mr. Buchanan was to save the democratic party of the Atlantic coast from tumbling to pieces

upon a Southern abstraction. According to the campaign proclamations of Gov. Wise, and other leaders of the Southern chivalry, the salvation of the Union depen-ded upon the election of Mr. Buchanan, for in the event of Fremont's success, they had threstened to march a Southern army upon Washington, and to carry off all the ready cash in the Treasury, and the archives of the government. Thus the publication of that California letter in Virginia before the election, might have resulted in the dreadful cathrough the seizure of the federal capital and times as much as for the same period of last senator Benjamin those of Mr. F.—Wash-ington Star.

ern army under Gov. Wise; and so the Vir- | Leavenworth advices to the 20th, state that ginians ought to be thankful that Mr. Bue- Capt. Montgomery, of the "Fancy Hawkhanan averted this calamity by his judicious course in regard to that California letter. With this defence of Mr. Buchanan, we are

drawn to an inquiry into the purposes of this deliberate assault upon his veracity and honesty by the Richmond Enquirer. The editors of that paper may have their private grievances; but into these we care not to inquire. The present position, and the late aberration of Gov. Wise, as a democratic aspirant for the succession, will serve our purpose. The Enquirer is his mouth-piece and devoted organ; and its opinions concerning the administration show us exactly the whereabouts of Mr. ernor has continued since that day to hold a very equivocal position as a member of the poses. democratic church. Through the Enquirer he was prompt to aggravate his rebellious Kansas antecedents in a sweeping denunciation of the late annual message of the President, in reference to the Pacific railroad, Mexico, Central America, Cuba, a general bankrupt law, and the tariff question. He has now pushed his hostility to the extremity of a vindictive personal attack, in which, though vulgar epithets are avoided, the most offensive accusations are embodied. We must conclude, therefore, that Gov. Wise and his followers have cut loose from the administration, and that this, his last manifesto through the Richmond Enquirer, is a formal

declaration of war. What then? Only another factious organi zation within the lines of the democratic camp. We have seen from the proceedings of the act and the present session of Congress, that there is anything but a "happy necord" between the administration and the Southern demoeratic ultras, fire-eaters and malcontents of every description. We presume that the leaders of the party in Virginia mainly concur in the hair splitting views of the Enquirer, upon the leading topics of the message; we understand that both the Virginia Senators in Congress are opposed to the project of the thirty million Cuba bill, and we dare say that some of their colleagues of the House, hold the ventions in all cases, to nominate legislative same opinions. But all this only serves to widen the existing breaks and splits in the party, and to multiply the chances of a democratic row at Charleston and a democratic serub race for the succession, in which the ancient prestige and glory of the "Old Dominwill probably sink to rise no more.

We had hoped that Governor Wise, like Mr. Douglas, would be quick to perceive the policy as a party man, of the new Cuba movement embodied in the thirty million project of Mr. Slidell. But the Enquirer flatly repudiates this admirable party tonic, as too strong for the delicate nerves of the Virginia Democraey, and shrinks with pious horror from the tremendous schedule of conjectural expenses involved in the President's general program-We await the action of the Democracy

of Congress. If they are firm and united upon this Cuba proposition, and pass it, they may bring even Governor Wise to terms; but if they flinch or fail, we may as well to-day as to-morrow give up all calculations of a national reunion of the broken fragments of the Democratic party."

BLACKWOOD FOR JANUARY .- Leonard Scott & Co., New York .-- Blackwood opens the is brought to a satisfactory conclusion .-"Burmah and the Burmese" is a review of A Narrative of the Mission of the Govern-Any man who wants information on the or-General of India to the Court of Ava, and people. "A Cruise in Japanese Waters" As for the "Tammany letter," Gov. Wise is continued with unflagging interest, giving it con- us a still further insight into the manners, is to set her on fire! The modus operandid the latest rumors in reference to the threatenthat it takes a week for the reverberation to cates a dissertation on Modern cookery, but

reader as well as to anglers, "Popular Literature and the Periodical Press" is ably handled. "The Royal Proclamation to India" closes the list of articles in this interesting number, and gives us the Tory view of the the City of Churches,-N. Y. Express.

We are pleased to notice that Blackwood, this month, is printed on much better paper Him- publishers assure us that this improvement will continue. Price \$3 a year. Robert Bell, Agent.

> On Saturday, several hundred of the powof Philadelphia, were on a strike for an adcent., and now the improved state of the not move quick enough, when Roch pushed Some state that with ten hours a day labor, did so struck him on the back of his head trade will warrant the advance they ask for. they can make only four or five dollars a week. The strikers were quite orderly, and rible wound, and he was otherwise injured, visited a number of the factories to get the for as he fell forward he struck the curboperatives to join them.

It is said that Mr. Forney, the other evening, at a convention of democrats in Philadelphia, proposed the experiment of bringing out Mr. Douglas as an independent Presidential candidate, without further loss of time, and without regard to the Charleston sociates, who preferred the varieties of the party. This is eving to the usages of the party. This is evidently the present policy of Mr. Douglas Kilkenny and the town of Callan. This looks Kilkenny and the town of Callan. This looks of the present policy of Mr. Douglas Kilkenny and the town of Callan. This looks of the present policy of Mr. Douglas Kilkenny and the town of Callan. This looks of the present policy of Mr. Douglas Kilkenny and the town of Callan. This looks of the party of the present policy of Mr. Douglas Kilkenny and the town of Callan. This looks of the party of the

Richard Noris, esq., one among the aged and opulent citizens of Baltimore, died on than an objectless organization of hot-headed Friday at the residence of his son, in Washprotracted illuess, in the seventy-sixth year not been taken too soon. It is alleged, and of his age. The deceased had been for many with some show of truth, that the society has is the duty of the Government to put a stop and putting a stout leather string to the of his age. The deceased had been for many vers, in the earlier part of his life an energetic, enterprising and successful merchant, accumulating, by his strict prudence and economy, a large fortune.

The Mobile papers of Thursday contain a report of the trial and decision, by the Uniand his crew, on the charge obstructing the and violation of the neutrality laws. The accused parties were held to bail for their appearance at February court, in \$2,500.

On Tuesday last, Mr. Geo. White, a student of the Naval School, at Annapolis, while on a visit to his father, Justice White, residing near the Annapolis Junction, was taken with a hemorrhage of the lungs, and bled to death in a few minutes.

A dispatch from Fredericksburg, dated the 22d inst., says, there was a heavy hail storm in that neighborhood, and in that place, on Saturday evening-which was accompanied by "terrible thunder and lightning."

The total amount of dry goods thrown upon the market in New York since the first of January is \$7,752,376, more than three

eves," has voluntarily given himself up to the authorities, to await a trial, upon charges of complicity in the recent troubles in south-ern Kansas. It is reported that Capt. Brown, the chief of the opposition desperadoes, has left the Territory. No further difficulties are now apprehended. There was no excitement at Leavenworth.

The resident freeholders of Charlottesville have adopted by a vote of nearly six to one, the provisions of the amended charter, authorizing the Town Council to levy taxes ernment was disposed to demand due satis-Wise. Breaking ground against Mr. Buc- not exceeding \$3000, and to borrow a sum not faction for such an insult; and then said: I hauan upon the Lecompton question, the Gov- exceeding \$5000, for the improvement of the can assure the Chamber that during the six streets and side-walks and other town purmonths we have been in office, our relations

The New Yorkers had scarcely got over the story of diseased hogs having been brought to their market, before they were startled, by a the message of the President of the United The New Yorkers had scarcely got over the rumor that about 1,200 sheep, afflicted with the "scab," had been brought down the river, and disposed of in their markets at a very

The Democratic Legislative caucus of Lou- felt convinced the relations between the two siana, have as yet been unable to nominate a candidate for a United States Senator .-They have had forty-two ballots without effeeting a choice. There are four candidates before the caucus. Mr. Benjamin was two votes ahead of his competitors.

The Old Issues Again. The bills proposing to authorize the President to use at his discretion the public force of the United States, within the limits of Mexico, and the Central American States, whenever it shall be made to appear to him that any citizen or citizens of the United States have been subjected, without commensurate offence on their part, to any act of force," are bills which tend in our judgment to alter the constitutional relations of the lifferent departments which compose the Government. However safe may be the powers which they confer, when reposed in the hands of a pacific and virtuous Executive. it surely will not be denied that they virtually transfer the war-making power from the authority with which it is lodged by the terms of the Constitution; and the anomaly, if harmless now, may be most pernicious under the sway of a less conscientious incumbent of the Presidential chair. And we are sure that the terms of these bills lay upon the President a fearful responsibility, and one with which, in justice and mercy to himself, he should not be charged by a co-ordinate branch of the Government. As Congress has not in our judgment the legal right, so it should not evince a disposition to evade the full share of the responsibility which attaches to the initiation of hostilities. If. however, in despite of all these considerations, the dominant party in Congress shall see fit to clothe the Executive department with these extraordinary functions, we shall hope no onger to hear from the traditional sources of such complaints, any murmurs against the encroachments of the Federal Government and the dangers of an over shadowing power in the hands of the President .- Nat. Int

Horrible!

Talk no more of Fejee Island cannibals, backwoods savages, or Cawnpore butchers! We have a brute in human shape, here at home, who has just been guilty of a piece of unadulterated diabolism that would almost make Satan himself blush for shame.

This monster goes out of a night, and gets beastly drunk; his poor wife follows him to his haunt, and endeavors to coax him home: he goes home.—and the first thing he doesaccording to the woman's dying declaration, proof that he first threw some liquor on her

The Death of Ex-Purser Hunter.

Ex-Purser Hunter, whose death has been announced by telegraph, came to his end in the following manner: A murderous assault ter had been drinking at the bar, and was ed at Turin. laboring under the unhappy infirmity which him from the door into the street, and as ha stone and lacerated his face in a shocking manner.

Ireland.

[Correspondence of the London Times.] DUBLIN, January 7 .- The Government is gradually widening the circle of its operations against the Phœnix Society. From the appearance of things it was thought that the the destruction of this combination to Cork. mail brings the startling intelligence that the like as if the Government had reasons for considering the Phoenix Club something more are good grounds for believing the contrary. lished the following paragraph: and that measures for its suppression have by seizures in Kilkenny.

Later from California.

steamer Quaker City is below with California advices to the 5th instant, and a hundred and twelve passengers.

The steamer Golden Age sailed from San Francisco for Panama on the 5th, with two hundred and fifty passengers and \$1,200,000 in treasure destined for New York, and \$468,-Business at San Francisco continued stag-

nant; money was scarce. The State Legislature organized on the 4th instant. W. C. Stratton was elected Speaker. The Lecompton Democrats have a majority ment, but partially succeeded.

in both branches. A Correspondence.

It is understood that on Saturday last a correspondence took place between Senators Douglas and Fitch, with reference to the difficulty between them occurring in the Senate Executive session on Friday last, which, though not finally closed, it is thought will not lead to a hostile meeting between those gentlemen; sufficient concerning its tenor having transpired to generate that impression .-R. A. Pryor, esq., of this city is said to have been the bearer of the notes of Mr. D., and

From the New York Spirit of the Times.

DEBATE IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES .-The Madrid journals of the 1st inst., contain a brief report of the debate in the Chamber of Deputies on the preceding day, relative to the message of Mr. Buchanan about Cuba, of which proceedings telegraphic mention has M. Ulloa said, I ask the government if it intends to reply to the message of Mr. Buchanan, inasmuch as in that message is a paragraph on the subject of annexing Cuba to the United States, which contains a new and Marshal O'Donnell declared that the Gov-

> and left, and all around me.
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> We have had some tolerable shooting this fall, the first since '55-a good shot, and an industrious, energetic sportsman could bag his twenty birds, and probably, four or five ares. I killed, early in the season, about thirty birds, with four hares-the best day' ork that I have heard of. With a continuation of the mild weather that we have had so far, we shall have an abundance of stock birds, and can very reasonably anticipate fine sport another year. The winter of '55 and '56 was terribly destructive to all kinds of our game birds, but they recuperate rapidly, and it takes but a few years, with propitious hatching seasons, to give us an abundance.

As to the migration of the quail-it is all in my eye. They are eminently a domestic bird, and never leave their haunts, except in some one's game bag, or in the claws of a big

firm, as the government of a great people ought to be. The period of discouragement caused by war and disunion has ceased in Spain. Our country is now positively in an era of developement and veritable restoration. If the my entire satisfaction. power of Spain be not great enough to menace We have a few miles from us a good many it is strong enough to defend the integrity of the territory of the monarchy, and to preserve the dignity of the Spanish name without

In whatever circumstances the Spanish nation may find itself, it will in the future, as in the past, never be insensible to its honor; never will it abandon the smallest portion of its territory; and a proposition having that tendency will always be considered by the government as an insult to the Spanish people. Approbation.

The sentiment of nationality, which was supposed to be weakened, and which unhappily was slightly weakened by our intesting discords-this sentiment, the source of high deeds and of generous and heroic inspirations, displays now new vigor, and is increasing in such a way, that whilst we will never be aggressive and never aspire to dominate, we will never allow any encroachment to be made on the inheritance left us by our fath-Approbation.

M. Olazaga, in his own name and in that of several other eminent members, representing the different political parties, then proed this resolution: The Chamber declares that it has receiv-

ed with satisfaction the declaration of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and that it is disposed to give to the government its constant support, in order to maintain the integrity of the Spanish dominions."

The resolution was unanimously adopted and ordered to be inscribed in the archives. The Espana, though a violent adversary of the cabinet, expresses warm approbation of the patriotic declaration of the minister, and states that in a question, which like that of Cuba, affects the national honor. Spaniards, whatever their differences on other points. will always be united. The other journals employ similar language.

Rumors of War in Europe. The Liverpool Times, of the 8th, thus groups

person, and then applied a lighted match or it is quite evident that the Sardinian Govern- excellent-for we have in more than one inandle!! The unfortunate woman lingered ment desires war, means war, and is confi-stance bagged in the day's shooting between on till Friday, when she died in the most dent that war is at hand. The intimate eighty and a hundred rabbits. Not quite friends of Ministers do not conceal that the up to Mr. King's duck-shooting, but good Remember.—the scene of this inhuman assistance of France is reckoned upon. The enough. cruelty was not off on some of the "Southern | Government has assumed such a position that plantations," where negroes are sometimes if war does not occur, its term of office must in our country, who keeps a regular pack of beat and lashed to death, (according to occa- be exceedingly short; and the confidence is so dogs-only a pair here and there. We are sional abolition testimony.) It was not in great in Count Cayour's strong sense, that the rather shy about hounds, as no man can afford Kaffraria, nor in Patagonia, nor in any other Italians cannot believe he will stultify him- to lose a fifty dollar buck and a score of uncivilized, unchristian land. No! It was in the City of Churches.—N. Y. Express. self in the eyes of the country. They, there twenty dollar ewes in one night. They are the City of Churches.—N. Y. Express. ter 100,000 men in two or three days in the limits of their Italian dominions.

The correspondents of the Times, both at Paris and Turin, assert that the speech to be with a glass bottle was made upon him at delivered by the King of Sardinia, at the William Roch's bar-room and dance saloon, opening of the Chambers, on the 10th inst.,

The Emperor Napoleon's observations to On Saturday, several numered of the power-loom weavers in the Southwestern portion
or built like more on a strike for an adinterval of the Austrian Ambassador, were known at Vienna on the 3rd, and had created a sensation
life. Old Tom is a decidedly original chartown, when a few words passed between Roch on the Bourse, but the details are scanty .- acter, and claims to be better versed in forvance of 15 per cent, on their wages. They and Hunter, and the latter was ordered to The intelligence had reached Turin, and was

> The Journal de Frankfort, an Austrian with a glass bottle. The blow inflicted a ter- strong enough in Italy to meet any eventuality, and boasts that all Germany, and Prussia at its head, is backing her.

> the Government cannot talk of war in the midst of peace; but the speech will not contradict the current rumors, neither will it express disapproval of them. There will be a few phrases about the King's reliance on the people in seconding his Government in authorities intended to confine their efforts for all their efforts for the development of liberty at home and national policy abroad.-Belfast and Bantry; but last night's provincial Probably there will be a few words to pre-

vent public opinion giving way to alarm. sent agitated state of public opinion. The disquietude caused by Napoleon's me-

nace to the Austrian Minister, still continyouth, as it has been called. Indeed, there ued. On the 7th the Paris Moniteur pub-"For several days past public opinion has

been agitated by alarming reports, which it opinion which will be greatly strengthened lations authorizes the fears which those reports tend to provoke."

This caused a slight improvement in the funds at Paris and London, but it was only New Orleans, Jan. 22.—The Tehuantepec | temporary, and all the improvement was subsequently lost.

The London Times of the morning of the

8th intimates that the French Emperor's speech to the Austrian Minister on New Year's day, was made with a view of learning tent. In our limestone country we have a how all the great Powers would receive the project of French interference in Italy. The same authority also says that the result has, happily, been decisive, and a great failure, owing to the increasing suspicion with which Napoleon's policy is regarded, and that the attempt of the Moniteur to soothe the excite-

The English funds opened on the 7th at a WILLIAMSON'S choice twist TOBACCO, a

very fine article, for sale by PEEL, STEVENS & CO., corner King and Alfred streets. cle in use for cleaning Stoves, Grates, &c., just received, and for sale by
H. COOK & CO.

WOOL purchased at highest cash prices, by

Sporting Epistle from "Old Dominion."

CLARKE COUNTY, VA., Jan. 13, 1859,-Well, my dear "Spirit" and brother sportsmen, my "Westley Richards" is cleaned up, oiled, and in the case (and a glinter she is.) and old Rollo and Bijou are curled up before the fire, dreaming of the dead stands they have made in their day, and the many, many birds they have stolen for their master, and I am praying, morning, noon, and night, that we shall have no snow this winter, and but little rain in the summer (for we can't make any more wheat, rain or shine,) and that next fall I shall live to drop them right

moderate, reserved but always dignified and It has been a mooted question for some time in the "Spirit," whether or not the quail essessed the power of withholding their scent. I entertain not the least doubt that they do possess this faculty, and have had an abundance of opportunities of testing it to

> pheasants (ruffled grouse,) but they are wild and difficult to be shot. They will not lie for a dog to stand them, and your only way is to have a dog which will tree and keep up an essant barking; in this way I have heard of six or eight being killed from one tree. Another way is to shoot them on the wing, from horseback. Upon a quiet horse, and by singing through the woods, you come right upon them, and their flight being very straight, and upon a perfect line with a per son on the back of a horse, they are easily knocked down. I have killed as many as a half dozen in this way in one day's shooting, and in as many shots. I find that they are particularly charmed with the old tune "Canaan" (which I invariably sing, and would advise any one, in pheasant-hunting,

to try the virtue of that good old hymn.)

Some eight miles from here, upon the oppo site side of the Shenandoah River, there is a section of land embracing some two or three hundred acres, grown up in briars, broomsedge, and bushes, and denominated the 'Horse Shoe,' from the very remarkable freak in the river at that place-for it really appears. without a separation, or the formation of an island, to be all around you; and you are metimes bothered to know which side of the river you are upon. Well, upon this piece of ground, which we call the rabbit patch, there can be always found fine sport and plenty of it. We once or twice a season go over in a crowd of eight or ten, with some of the spiritual comforts of this life, accompanied by all of the dogs, curs, terriers, mongrels, and hounds, that we can beg, steal, or borrow; and you had better believe that the storming of Chapu' epec was not a circumstance to the cannonading which we keep up from morning till night-the echo and re-eche from our double barrels becomes confined between the hills of the bend in the river, and sounds like the hoarse and angry mutterings they lie but "the tall green grass and waving from Jamaica, had reached the harbor of distant thunder; and we are credibly informed, by those who live upon the river, retired from studdom, but from the rural would remain there for the protection of The Turin correspondent of the Times says But seriously, my friend, 'tis sport rare and

As to fox-hunting, there is no one, I believe,

estimated that the Austrians could now mus- take it into their heads. Bishop Meade, a few years since, imported a full blood South Down buck, with a brace of ewes-all of which, I think, were destroyed in one night by some one's hounds. We manage, however, to get up a chase or two every winter .-There is an old fellow who lives up in the No. 91 Richmond street, Boston, by the pro- has had the advantage of being retouched at Blue Mountain, who keeps ten or a dozen prietor of the den. It seems that Mr. Hun- Paris, or as least recommended to be retouch- dogs, and who comes over for us whenever we give him "due notice"-Old Tom Ashley! Bless his old soul, a truer and more ology than any man who lives. He invariaquaintance with the run of a fox, and taking his neat cuts around (as a friend of mine semi-official, says that Austria is at present | would say.) he is almost invariably in advance of his mounted companions. you an idea of old Tom's superior knowledge: In a chase which we had with him last win-A Turin letter professes to anticipate the speech of the King of Sardinia, on opening the Parliamentary session. The writer says the rest of the party. The dogs were in full cry. the rest of the party. The dogs were in full cry, and the scent from the fox very nungent even to our olfactories. We finally overhauled him in crossing a hundred-acre field, when just as we dashed up, old Tom came to a sudden halt, and picking up a substance about the size of a taw, but of less obdurate consistency, which, after the process of smelling and tasting, "By thunder!" says he, "boys, it's an old he red." Tom has a very uniq method of unkennelling an "old he red." A grey fox will ascend a tree from the out side the least inclining. A red fox will not, but will go up on the inside-if there be a hole at the bottom, and the tree sufficiently hollow-to the very top. When cornered pushed hard,) Tom finds out with a pole, the cuts a hole in the neighborhood of his head, mouth of the fox it is immediately caught the twinkling of an eye Tom has the string around his mouth two or three times and tied. In this way he can be taken uninjurwhich he insists that he is entitled to a pa-

great many natural sinks, or fox-dens, us we term them, to some of which there is evidently no bottom, and whenever an "old he red" was pushed into a place of that kind. to head Mr. Fox in his den. It is very simchich I will describe for the benefit of some recovery of 4 per cent., but closed with a de- of your fox-hunting readers-if they will promise not to encroach on Tom's patent .-It is simply four planks, about five feet long and ten inches wide, made into a box with two good iron spikes through one end, and nothing at the other, but about in the middle DREMIUM STOVE POLISH-The best arti- a piece of board which will work on a pivot, the gratification of the readers of the "Spirit." the other just appearing above ground. All PLASTER. 700 tons Lump Plaster, for sale by jan 18 ROBINSON & PAYNE.

Is possible, by digging in the earth, and at high through the trap, the piece of board being through the trap. The piece of board through the piece of board through the trap. The piece of board through the piece of board through

earried up with his head, falls behind his tail; he cannot cut the spikes out by morning, and cannot turn in his cage. "Old Tom" informs me that he never misses, and in no instance has ever failed in which he tion of the terms of the treaty of Page has tried it in our neighborhood. I hope I which vessels-of-war carrying more have been sufficiently explicit in my descrip-

Will some of my "Spirit" friends describe to me a trap from which pigeons are shot? have never seen one, and have not sufficient inventive genius to manufacture one. If we and a trap, we could form a very respecta- fringement of the treaty, that the officer ble Club, as we have some good shots and the Wabash were received with the unin nlenty of pigeons.

Having tired you out with old Tom Ashley and his foxes, I would say, in passing, but were welcomed in person by the Sales that as to coons and possums, our woods are full of them, and they furnish fine sport to he officers at his palace with marked at the boys and servants. When a boy, 'twas my glory, and many has been the night that accompanied by his Ministers of War and the I have hunted till "the chickens were crowing for day:" but that time has passed, never tion of the unintentional error committee more to return, and I now am a grown up man, with a boy of my own sufficiently old tration of the kindly feeling which exists fooled into a coon-hunt-the last I ever ex- the United States, and is the more notices pect to take. We had a magnificent run, from the fact that, subsequent to the dep and I found my eagerness and excitement as | ure of the Wabash, the Turkish Minister great as in my boyhood days. When the notice to all the legation "that the regu dogs had treed, and we were tearing through | tions confirmed by the treaty of Paris wou the woods at quarter-horse speed, a friend who was in advance (and who is now, poor ellow, in his grave, and who has long since been forgiven by me,) deliberately caught hold of a limb, and waiting until I came within proper distance, let fly, and took me right between the eyes, laying me out as cold as a wedge-and, to mend the matter, he frigate, and next morning early he return swore that if he had not held the limb it would have killed me completely. So far as fishing is concerned, we have

neither salmon, bass, lake trout, nor whalesbut the Shenandoah and its tributaries furnish us with delightful sport. We have the white sucker, or mullet, the yellow sucker, the yellow perch, the fall fish, and the Shen- a severe cold, and remarked that she was andoah trout, or hog-fish, to say nothing of a a good sailor. The Grand Duke most ki onsiderable sprinkling of cats and skilpots. We fish altogether for the river fish with mussel bait, which we procure in any quantities in the Opequon, or even in the edges the river when the water is sufficiently ear. I have never fished for trout, or, in fact, for any of your game fish; but, in my He should remain in the port only two pinion, there is no fish which requires more | four hours from the time that he entered rseverance and skill to take successfully and as he had only five or six more hours an our river fish, especially the white and ellow sucker; their bite is by no means rave- tween 11 and 12 o'clock. He regretted the ious, but, on the contrary, a bare nibble or ouch is the indication of their presence .- permit her to accompany him, and she par We go out in a small skiff, seldom more than four in company, and anchor in six or eight feet water, then open a quantity of mussels, throwing the shells high enough up stream | dozen officers of high rank attached to his fa for them to sink about the boat; in a little while you hear the fish sucking, or smacking ship with great minuteness, asking a the their lips all around: then put on your bait and top out. A party of four or five can, if to answer most satisfactorily, and enjoy skilful, take in a day's fishing a couple of hundred. We frequently catch, in the pring, when they are running up the small streams which make into the river, large naval profession and in all respects a plaquantities, by gigging and netting, but there s little sport in that, and it is only resorted the Wabash, and so expressed his appro-

to for the sake of the meat. In our immediate neighborhood was situated, fifteen years ago, the harem of more than said he was expecting that his new fright one high-mettled racer. There stood, in his now building at New York, would be day, Old Industry—the sire of Atalanta and ther fast ones; Emancipation and Sarpedon (imported,) one of whom is the sire of the dam of one of the "old blaze-faced rip's" distinguished sons. There stood Drone, Mazeppa, and Pamunky-but the place 5th inst., states that great excitement prewhich knew them will know them no more | ed in that city; trade was at a stand still on earth, and, like the grave of De Kalb, the stores closely watched. The British there is nothing now to mark the spot where gate Melbourne, on her way to Engli corn." "Old Hector" has himself not only over four hundred troops on board, a scenes of life, and is delightfully spending the evening of his days at the famed "Tay-Consul. A United States war vessel lor Hotel," of Winchester, where he every loudly called for. Soulogue, in compa Christmas to use his own expressive lan- with the Ministers of State and general guage-drinks egg-nog enough to slop a cow the army, left Port au Prince on the 25 and the only thing now upon the old place ultimo, for Gonaives, and the following di which makes any pretensions to "blood," is his soldiery captured Mont Rouis. Gonat a bob tail ram of the celebrated mountain was declared in blockade, and if the an breed, and a bull which claims as its sire the remained true, the Emperor would be reanimal distinguished in prose as the individ- tablished securely on his throne. ual which experienced such difficulty in keepng himself comfortable in fly time.

We have some very promising colts coming on, by a Vermont Black Hawk, owned by Mr. Dulany, of Loudoun, and by Morse Grey, a very superior trotting stallion, owned Mr. Nathaniel Burwell, of this County .-The only thing that I know of with a dash of ling the culture of Yellow Corn. Some for fashionable blood, is a Revenue filly of Mr. years ago, the demand in Alexandria seem Beverly Randolph's-which, by the way, I think he holds at \$2,500, and intends sending next month to be trained by the Doswells.-She is a fine slashing mare, and will doubt- white; there is, therefore, probably less yell ess make her mark. She, together with corn now existing than at any former per-Morse Grey, each took premiums at our Agri- It is not an easy matter to adopt any ultural Fair in Winchester last fall-a noice of which I had intended sending you, plete change in the quality of corn, unbut neglected it, but will try and think of it the farmers should act in concert; for adjumext October. Capt. Hugh Nelson, the ener- ing fields will mix, and cause the product getic President of our Society, has also a vary according to the varieties seeded. St calls Araby, and which I am told is as any one farmer among a dozen might se ery handsome little Arabian horse, which affectionate as a child, and as docile as a offect a permanent change by care and p

Some of your correspondents scout the being improved by an Arabian cross. Of rid a community of a style of corn, who idea of our horse or the English race-horse that I know nothing, and shall not venture | (like the figure of the late Judge Buel's she an opinion-but this I do know, that the found on the common) "belongs to everyled two or three Arabians which we have in our and nobody in particular." county, sired by the horse which was sent as present by the Imaum of Muscat (I think Van Buren) have not their equals for har- eareless of their class in America, in diness and endurance this side of the desert selection of their seed corn. The matter of Arabia. One of them in particular, owned deferred until planting time, and in a by our physician. Dr. Fauntleroy, who has cases the servants are sent in haste to probably the largest country practice in Vir- crib, and select without skill, care, or in ginia, is always seal fat, and as lively as a kit- est; and the result is the mongrel of w ten, with legs as clean and smooth as ivory, and yellow, called "straw color," wh She is now fourteen or fifteen years old and every careless farmer has. But the cole would easily pass for a four-year-old.

ter all. I wonder, when he saw the many about 54 lbs. to the bushel, whilst the C handsome and complimentary notices which fully selected seed will generally we were taken of his death, if he did not think 58 fbs. this way (and it is frequently the case when he had missed a glorious opportunity of The best style of corn is a medium shuffling off this mortal coil; but go when the ten or twelve rowed Dutton or flin eight to which he has ascended; he then he will, he is a man bound to leave his mark the gourd seed, for either white or behind. I consider him the most magnifi- The yellow Dutton is adapted to the eyes have ever rested upon. I recollect gourd seed, and too soon for our climit for they bite worse than a wild cat.) and in several years ago of being present at Wash- produce a good and heavy yield. C ington when he read in manuscript his "Old ther, alternating with warm, is no Arkansas Gentleman." The gentleman at the maturing of heavy grain, whilst the whose expense the piece was written, Major | growth with us must be deprived of the ed and with no danger of being bitten. We Rector, was also present, and such shouts vantage. Neither will late planting then fix upon a day, and he gives us a "bag as greeted the piece I have never heard our stiff Virginia soil, as the tender plant the piece I have never heard our stiff Virginia soil, as the tender plant the piece I have never heard our stiff Virginia soil, as the tender plant the piece I have never heard our stiff Virginia soil, as the tender plant the piece I have never heard our stiff Virginia soil, as the tender plant the piece I have never heard our stiff Virginia soil, as the tender plant the piece I have never heard our stiff Virginia soil. equalled. They shook every chip both red starting will generally suffer from exand white, from old Prindle's table; and who heat. The gourd seed, white or yello but Pike would have thought of shooting wasting article-certainly the latter-

prairie chickens with a cannon? "Jeems Pipes, of Pipesville," too, I see, is and latest maturity. Thus the necess in Washington, and appeared last night in the medium betwixt the two is clearly Alexandria. Lord! what would I have given | if we would obtain a good standard # to have been able to see and hear him, and to at least 58 fbs. to the bushel of either he was safe for all time and eternity. Tom thank him in person for the many racy and or white, as each have their varie has gone to work, and has invented a trap rollicking letters which he has written to the "Spirit" from all parts of the habitable earth. and late yellow gourd seed: ple, both in design and construction, and I flatter myself that I should have wanted no and late white gourd seed. The better introduction than being one of the sult is obtained by mixing the late great "Spirit" ual family. But, my friend, together in equal parts and planting times are not as they use to was.

draw up. I have gone around the whole track and will feel more than compensated if tainly weigh heavier than any const I have said anything which will contribute to north or south of us. This box is inserted into the mouth of the I have written just as I have felt and talk; den, with, of course, the open end down, and with no effort at display or the formation of rounded or beautiful sentences, and am my-self satisfied that I have at least cancelled a around the trap the light is excluded as much self satisfied that I have at least cancelled a

The U.S. Frigate Wabash

The excitement created in diplomatic cles by the appearance of the American ate Wabash off Constantinople, in contra twenty guns were prohibited from to the Dardanelles, has elicited an explanletter from Commodore Lavallette to the retary of the Navy. From this le gather that so far were the Turkish and ties from taking serious offence at the cordiality, and were not only complia with a grand banquet by the Capidan Par take my place. A few years ago I was the part of the Turkish Government town

in future be rigidly enforced." A letter in the New York Journal of C merce, dated Genoa, January 1st, says tithe Grand Duke Constantine, brother of Emperor of Russia, visited the U. S. ster. frigate Wabash at that port. When he rived in port he was saluted by the America the salute. Flag officer Lavallette and of officers of the Wabash went on board

Russian ships to pay their respects to The Grand Duchess and her son of ten twelve years of age, were present, and versed with the officers in English with grfluency. She was suffering not a little and soothingly added that he thought Duchess was making good progress in profession. The interview is said to been a very pleasant one, and the Duke s he had heard so much of the Wabash late that he had determined to come and see h stay, he would visit the American frigate the health of the Grand Duchess would r

cipated in the regret which he expressed "About half-past eleven he was on bot the Wabash, accompanied by some half ship; and they examined every part of sand questions, which the officers were st their visit to the greatest extent.

"The Grand Duke is a young man, thir three years of age, very much devoted to t practical gentleman. He was charmed w tion wherever he went. He spoke in highest terms of our naval constructors, an greatest and best man-of-war upon the ocea

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The Port au Prince correspondent of New York Herald, writing under date

> I COUNT NICHTED Yellow Corn.

I noticed in the Gazette of the 4th instan an article relating to the necessity of Farmers, who trade with Alexandria, adopto be for pure white, and hence those w produce for that market have been aiming severance—as others, seeing his advantage thereby, would soon adopt his plan, and the

Virginia Farmers are, perhaps, the man not all; the quality of the grain is by And so Albert Pike is really not dead, af- process rendered light and husky, weight

shatter from handling, is of light herein described, viz: early yellow the second or third product, the object And now, my dear "Spirit," 'tis time to care, is attained; and the Middle State

Rappahannock Co., Va., Jan. 20th. 15 KEGS prime Pennsylvania BUTTEL pounds prime Pennsylvania Buckwheel